GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Villages in Forest Areas
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages located in the reserved forests in the country, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme to relocate these villages out-side the reserved forests and if so, the details of the scheme;
(c) the number of villages relocated from reserved forest areas so far, in the country, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether any proposal has been received from State Government of Chhattisgarh for the said purpose and if so, the details in this regard; and
(e) the reasons for not according sanction to the said proposal so far?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) The villages in forest areas may include forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages and other villages in the forests, whether recorded, notified or not into revenue villages. However, as per information available in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the State-wise details of the forest villages in the country is given at Annexure-I.

(b)&(c) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats" and "Project Tiger" under which funds are provided to States/UTs for relocation and rehabilitation of forest villages. The number of villages relocated outside is given in the Annexure-II.

(d)&(e) A proposal pertaining to village relocation from the State Government of Chhattisgarh for Achanakmar Tiger Reserve was received and the same has been returned to the State for certain clarifications.
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